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MANAGEMENT OF THE FLOW OF PERSONS IN RELATION TO CENTERS OF CROWD CONCENTRATION

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

 [0001] This Application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/617,721, filed July 17, 2000 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING ATTRACTION ADMISSIONS, which in turn is a continuation in part of Application No. 09/372,405, filed August 10, 1999, and issued as U.S. Patent 6,173,209. This application is also related to Application No. 10687191 (Docket No. 58085-010201), Application No. 10687243 (Docket No. 58085-010202), Application No. 10687226 (Docket No. 58085-010203), all of which have been filed concurrently herewith. The contents of those applications are incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. *Field of the Invention.*

[0003] This invention relates to control of crowds. In particular, it concerns the control of the flow of masses of people. More specifically, this is in relation to specific areas which are centers of concentration for crowds. The methods and systems of the invention also concern managing the entry and admission to multiple attractions. In particular, the invention is concerned with the management of multiple attractions in entertainment environments such as theme parks.